

THE CONNECTICUT BORGIA

CONTINUATION OF THE TRIAL OF
MRS. LYDIA SHERMAN.

The Exclusion of Testimony Relating to Previous Charges of Murder by Poisoning—Medical Testimony.
NEW HAVEN, April 17.—The trial of Mr.

Lydia A. Sherman for murder was resumed at 9:30 o'clock this morning. The prisoner smiled and chatted occasionally with her friends. Her son, John W. Struck of Boston, who arrived last evening, accompanied his mother to her seat in the dock. The court room was more densely filled than yesterday, and every person was eager

to know the result of the long argument of the night before on the admissibility of certain testimony.

At the conclusion of Dr. Beardsley's testimony yesterday afternoon the counsel for the prosecution

tion asked that the jury make a finding of fact as to the admissibility of the evidence. The jury were excused.

TWO CHILDREN POISONED.

Ida Sherman, the daughter of Horatio Sherman, was attacked in the same manner as Mr. Sherman, on the 28th of December, 1870, and died on the 31st, and on examination arsenic was found in her stomach. On the 16th of November of the same year Frankie, another child of Mr. Sherman, was taken sick and died, and the analysis showed arsenical poisoning. Mrs. Sherman took the sole care of the children. Dennis

man had the sole care of him. Hurlburt, the third husband of the prisoner, died, and on examination it was shown that he had taken large quantities of arsenic, which counsel assumed must have been given by the prisoner, as she had the sole care of him and his wife.

At the opening of the court Judge Park asked his associate, Judge Sanford, if the testimony

proposed yesterday should be admitted. Judge Sanford said he thought it was not admissible for the purposes here claimed. He inclined to the opinion that the testimony was not important to show a criminal intent on the part of the prisoner. He thought the testimony was proposed to show that a person who was wicked enough to commit these crimes, which it was

proposed to prove, was wicked enough to commit the one with which she now stands charged. At this stage of the proceedings, at any rate, is not admissible.

Mr. Sherman was recalled. He gave a minute description of the symptoms, and said that Mr. Sherman was a man of fine physique and good constitution, and at the time of death was forty-five or fifty years of age. He had spells of drinking to excess in the last few years. His health was not much impaired by drinking. He sometimes drank to such an extent as to become unconscious, and he sometimes was so drunk as to be unable to walk. He was a very sensitive man, and he was very susceptible to the influence of alcohol. He was very sensitive to the influence of alcohol.

and thus find its way to the liver and stomach if inhaled in air also. It is not necessary that be swallowed. Witness knew of instances where persons have been affected by sleeping in a room where the predominant color of the wall paper was green.

THE SON'S TESTIMONY.
Horatio N. Sherman, son of the deceased man, was next called to the stand. He is a smooth-faced youth, with a light complexion, about 21 years of age, and resides now in Boston, N. J. At the time of his father's illness and death he lived with the family at Birmingham. He related all that took place in the family for weeks previous to the alleged poisoning.

This witness has a remarkable memory, he mentions dates almost to the minute. He said that up to Thursday noon previous to the death of his father the prisoner had the sole care of him. He did not know that his father had been married to the prisoner. They did not live peaceably, nor did they occupy the same room. Arsenic was used on the premises to kill rats.

The court adjourned until Thursday.

SHOT BY A BURGLAR.
Daring Burglaries in Newark—Breaking Into a Gentleman's House, and Shooting His Son.

The city of Newark has recently become the field of operations of a desperate gang of burglars, who have put the property and the lives of peaceable citizens in jeopardy. The robbery of the jewelry store of Mr. Bannister, in Broad street, some time ago, was such an audacious scheme of villainy as had never been heard of

The scene of the outrage was the residence of Mr. James G. Slocum, at High and Nesbitt streets. The first two floors are occupied by Mr. Jasper Derennus, the two top floors by Mr. Slocum and family. At 2 o'clock yesterday morning

fall of some person in the hall, and by the flash of light through the fanlight over the door. Supposing it was his son Walter who made the noise, he called aloud to know what he was doing. There was no answer. He called again. Presently an answer came in the form of two

Placing his muzzle within a foot of Mr. Slocum's head he said, "My friend, don't make a alarm; all I want is a few dollars." His companion stepped to the foot of the bed and threw the light of a dark lantern directly into the face of Mr. Slocum. Mr. S. had \$120 under his pillow, and the two robbers told him they knew

had money there which they must have. Mr. Slocum slept on the side of the bed further from the wall, and the men did not appear to desire to disturb her.

the robbers stepped to the door and said: "Don't come any further, or I will blow your brains out." While one of them held Doremus at bay, the other repeated the threat to Slocum and again demanded his money. Emboldened by the knowledge that Doremus was not hand- help him, Slocum started up in bed, when one of the men fired at him, the ball taking effect in the right thigh.

The burglars then ran down stairs and escape. Officer Devine, hearing the report and the cry in the house, started to go out of the building and arrested a man at the Continental Hotel who subsequently turned out to be an inmate there. Later in the morning, however, Officer Bergen arrested a man at the horse car depot who gave his name as John Goughran of Columbia street, New York. He is believed to be the same man who was arrested at the Continental Hotel.

Mr. Slooim's wound was probed by physicians, but the ball could not be extracted. A day lantern, a jimmy, and other burglar's tools were found near Slooim's house.

The men left immediately, and ran down stairs going out of the house through the back door. Mr. Hutchings opened a window to look on, and was fired upon by the thieves. Fortunately the shot did not take effect.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported in favor of John A. Harmon, of Augusta, for permanent Chairman. The Hon. James H. Platt was placed in nomination in opposition to Harmon.

Mr. L. G. Cowden, a brother-in-law of the Hon. C. Porter, appealed to the Convention not to refuse to elect a Virginian to preside over a Virginia convention. Mr. Bowdoin said this was a convention of Republicans from all States, and not of Virginia Republicans. At this point a difficulty occurred between Mr. Bowden and another delegate, which threatened to terminate in a general row. The police were called in to settle the disturbance was quieted.

The wealth and beauty of the east side assembled last evening at Irving Hall, the occasion being the reunion of the famous Oriental Club. The hall was elegantly decorated with flags and banners in beautiful cages, containing sweet smelling candles, swung from the chandeliers and gas jets. One end of the hall was covered with the words "Oriental Club, 1922," and at the other, "The Great Portrait of Andre Siniakoff was magnificent. The portrait

Narrow Escape from a Burning Building

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in Mr. Burns's clothing store, 35 Fifth street, Williamsburgh. Before the minutes could elapse the flames had cut off all egress. While the crowd outside were calling for ladders, Officer Leroy placed two men on planks against the second-story window, and enabled the frightened occupants to escape. After the fire was brought under control, Assistant Engineer Smith, secured the place and found a lot of clothing saturated with kerosene. The loss is \$200 of stock and \$100 of fixtures.

The wardrobe of Monsieur Morley, the prospective husband of the daughter of the Earl of Morley, the best dressed man in the Eastern District, was consumed,